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To: Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a Nonprovisional Utility Patent Application for a New Application entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING A COMMUNICATION BUS by:

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- ☒ 5 sheets of drawings and 23 pages of specification.
- ☒ Unsigned Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
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- ☒ A paper entitled "Authorization for Fees Under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 and Petitions for Extensions of Time."
- ☐ A Recordation Form Cover Sheet and an Assignment of the invention.
- ☐ Preliminary amendment.
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☐ Incorporation by Reference (for Continuation/Division application). The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. Because the present application is based on a prior U.S. patent application, please amend the specification by adding the following sentence before the first sentence of the specification:

"This is based on prior United States Patent Application No. 09/000,000, filed on January 1, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and priority thereto for common subject matter is hereby claimed."

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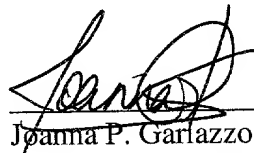
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